Homegoing Celebration
for
Brother Alonzo Shaw

Sunrise
January 19, 1921

Sunset
June 4, 2013

Service

11:00 AM
Saturday, June 15, 2013
Gloryland Apostolic Cathedral
465 19th Street
Richmond, California 94801

Bishop Tom H. Watson ~ Officiating

Elder Clifton Shaw ~ Eulogist
Pastor, Judah God's House of Praise, COGIC
Sacramento, California 95827

Reflections of Brother Shaw's Life & Legacy

Alonzo Shaw was born to the parents of Mr. Alex Shaw and Mrs. Willie (Parker) Shaw on January 19, 1921 in Wilson, Arkansas. He attended elementary school in Germantown, Tennessee up to the fifth grade. Alonzo was a responsible child. He left school and started working at the young age of 10 years old.

In 1940, Alonzo married Mary Jones, his bride of 71 years. His lovely wife went to be with the Lord on March 27, 2011. There were no biological children from this union; however, he and Mary were a father and mother to many in their family and community.

Alonzo joined the United States Army in June, 1943, and served with the 969th field Artillery Battalion, B Battery in the European Theater of Operations. He was a Staff Sergeant, Chief Cook. He supervised 16 cooks and kitchen police. He was responsible for requisitioning supplies and equipment. He received the following decorative Medals of Honor:
Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal of Honor—World War II, American Theater Ribbon, Eame Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. His name is registered in the World War II Memorial Registry of Remembrance for serving his country during World War II, the greatest war in history. He was honorably discharged from the Army in April, 1946.

Upon completion of his military service, Alonzo moved to the California Bay Area, where he spent the majority of his life. He retired as a longshoreman in 1986. During his tenure, he was an active member of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU-PMA).

Alonzo was a jack of all trades and a self-taught entrepreneur. He taught himself how to upholster furniture, and opened a family business. He was a plumber, electrician, landscaper, auto mechanic, carpenter, carpet installer, barber, photographer, baker, and more. He shared his talents with his family, friends, church and community; without charge. Everything he did was extraordinary! He always had cakes, candy and sodas for the children in the community.

Alonzo was a devoted servant of God. He accepted the Lord at the age of 12 years old. When he moved to Richmond, California, he joined the First AME Church, and worked faithfully as a member of the Finance Committee. He was a trusted board member, choir president and member, guitarist, and soloist. He enjoyed praising the Lord and serving his church.

The Lord blessed Alonzo to live a long, prosperous life among people who loved and cared about him. On June 4, 2013, he passed away peacefully at home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, mother, father, three sisters, and five brothers. He leaves to cherish his loving memories: a special niece, Dr. Geraldine Watts, also named by him as "My Secretary;" a special nephew, Retired USMC Sgt. Clifford Jones (Andrea) of Pinole, California; a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives, godsons, goddaughters, and friends.

Celebration Service

Processional . . . . . *Clergy and Family*

Scripture Reading . . . . .

Old Testament . . . . . *Psalms 90:9-12* . . . . . *Elder Sherman Lee*

New Testament . . . . . *I Thessalonians 4:13-18* . . . . . *Deacon Larry Potts*

Prayer . . . . . *Reverend Kim Neal*
Pastor, FAME Church

Praise in Song . . . . . *"Praise the Lord Everybody"* . . . . . *Congregation*
Led by Mother Hazel Watson

Acknowledgement of Condolences . . . . . *Sister Andrea Jones*

Resolution(s) . . . . .

Obituary . . . . . *Dr. Alice McDowell*

Solo . . . . . *"The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow"* . . . . . *Evangelist Dr. Bessie (Shaw) Lee*

Expressions of Love & Encouragement . . . . . *Family, Friends, and Clergy*

Solo . . . . . *"Lord You Have Been Good To Me"* . . . . . *Mother Hazel Watson*

Eulogy . . . . . *Elder Clifton Shaw*
IGHOP, COG IC

Parting View . . . . . *Wilson & Kratzer Staff*

Recessional . . . . . *"I'll Fly Away"* . . . . .

A Fallen Limb

~Poet Unknown

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing the voice that says "grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughters, the songs,
The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Remembering all, how I was truly blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small,
Go on with your life, don't worry about the falls.

I'll miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
Until the day comes and we're together again.

Fulfullment

By Walter Lewis Smith

I have worked the fertile earth
and planted a garden,
so I know what faith is.

I have listened to the birds caroling
in the morning and dusk,
so I know what music is.

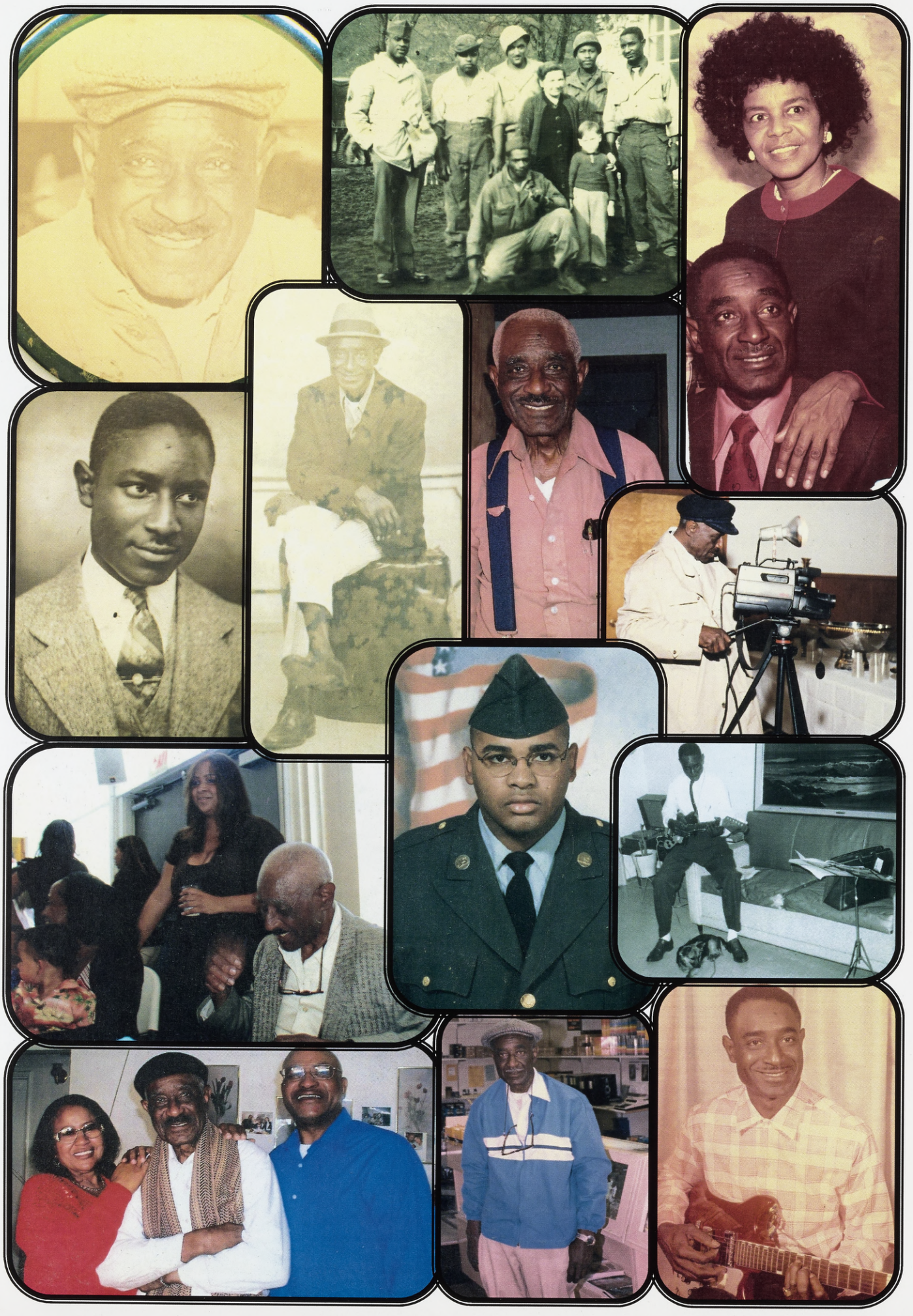
I have seen the morning
without clouds after showers,
so I know what beauty is.

I have sat before a wood fire
With old friends,
So I know what companionship is.

I have walked the path of
Quietness along the forest floor,
So I know what peace is.

I have dwelt in the valley of
Remembrance on the hills of home,
So I know what love is.

I have seen the miracle of spring,
The fruition of summer
And the beauty of autumn,
Followed by the repose of winter,
So I know what life is.
And because I have
Perceived all these things,
I know what (who) God is.



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Pallbearers

Lamonte Brinkley — *Alonzo Brinkley*
Gregory Lee — *Mark Rutledge*
Bobbie Conner — *Tyrone Potts*

Interment:

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California 94803

Repast:

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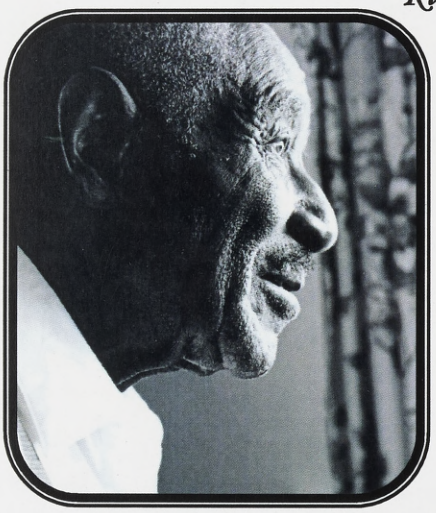

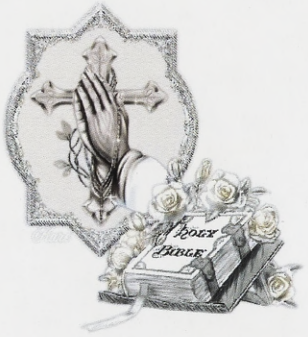

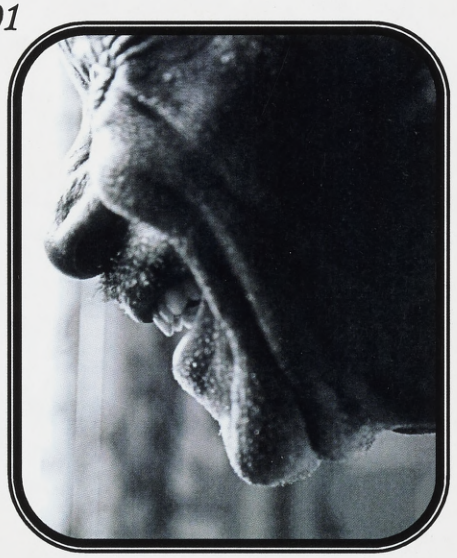

Acknowledgements:

On behalf of the family we wish to express our gratitude for your many kindnesses, evidenced in thoughts and deeds. Thank you for the love and sympathy that brought comfort to our hearts.
Thank you for your attendance at this service today.

~The Shaw Family

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